State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

WHEREAS, approximately 3,500 adult Vermonters received Adult Education and Literacy Services

during the past three years through Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc.; Northeast Kingdom Learning Services; The Tutorial Center and Vermont Adult Learning; and

WHEREAS, these four Adult Education and Literacy organizations provide services in every town and

county throughout Vermont in order to empower Vermonters to build better lives through education, training and employment, and to strengthen Vermont's workforce and economy;

and

WHEREAS, these four Adult Education and Literacy organizations persevered and provided services to

almost 1,500 adult Vermonters as the COVID-19 pandemic continued into 2021, they ensured that those Vermonters who are most vulnerable and in need could continue their

quests for career and college readiness; and

WHEREAS, these four Adult Education and Literacy organizations serve Vermont's most vulnerable

populations, including BIPOC people with disabilities, and the unemployed; and

WHEREAS, these four Adult Education and Literacy organizations provide instruction in reading,

writing, math and digital literacy, so Vermonters can access careers, college and job

training programs; and

WHEREAS, these four Adult Education and Literacy organizations support adults in building skills to

receive Industry Relevant Credentials to better their careers; and

WHEREAS, these four Adult Education and Literacy organizations ensure adults have the opportunity

to obtain a high school credential; and

WHEREAS, these four Adult Education and Literacy organizations support adults facing high

unemployment, underemployment, and low employability in obtaining and retaining jobs;

and

WHEREAS, these four Adult Education and Literacy organizations provide Vermont's adult immigrants

and refugees with the opportunity to learn English language skills, to obtain citizenship

skills and U.S. citizenship, to get jobs and to assimilate into their new communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim September 19-25, 2021 as

ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY WEEK

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 17th day of September, A.D. 2021.

Philip B. Scott Governor

Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs